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LB 1034

germane. I believe it only covers the Supreme Court and the Veterinary Diagnostic Lab on the title.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labedz, did you want to talk on germaneness?

SENATOR LABEDZ: No, not really, but I do know that the amendment that we put on the other day to LB 1034 did require 30 votes, and if the Chair so rules, I will go for the suspension of the rules.

SENATOR CLARK: I would have to rule it not germane because the bill is very specific as to where the money goes. The only thing that is different in there is where they put the money for the impeachment rules and that required 30 votes. So I would rule it not germane.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Then I would ask for a suspension of the rules which would require 30 votes because I think this is very important.

SENATOR CLARK: Does anyone want to talk on the suspension of the rules? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members, I would ask you to vote against the suspension of the rules and move forward with the bill. I appreciate Senator Labedz with this amendment bringing to our attention once again the problem when you start to deviate from a standard approach to an issue. The Appropriations Committee has an approach, they work out the funding for salaries. They have worked that out very carefully and I think the Beyer amendment was a tremendous mistake. We just adopted it with 1128 and I certainly hope the Governor will veto that portion of the bill, but once you break the dam, the water has to flow and that is what is happening. And once you break the approach that we have been taking all the time every year that we have been down here on appropriations, it is only natural that once it works for somebody, somebody else will try it. What is going to start happening if the process and procedures we follow on setting salaries starts to break down and every group of correctional employees out of the